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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR NOUREDDINE REPORTEDLY TO BE RETIRED.

REF: TUNIS 5464

1. USUALLY RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTS AHMED NOUREDDINE, TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR TO ALGIERS, WILL BE RETURNING TO TUNIS ABOUT OCTOBER 1 FOR RETIREMENT. ACCORDING EMBASSY FILES NOUREDDINE IS 61 AND MANDATORY RETIREMENT FOR TUNISIAN DIPLOMATS REPORTEDLY IS 65. SOURCE UNDERSTANDS NOUREDDINE'S RETIREMENT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO LETTER CONCERNING AHMED BEN SALAH REPORTED REF. TELEGRAM.

2. ANOTHER WELL-INFORMED SOURCE REPORTS NOUREDDINE'S INITIATIVE TO SOUND OUT FORMER BEN SALAH ASSOCIATES ON AMNESTY PROPOSAL WAS TAKEN AT BEHEST OF HABIB BOURGUIBA JR. SOURCE SAYS NOUREDDINE, WHILE HERE ON VACATION THIS SUMMER WAS APPROACHED BY BOURGUIBA JR. TO HELP PERSUADE BEN SALAH TO ACCEPT BOURGUIBA'S AMNESTY PROPOSAL AND RETURN TO TUNISIA BEFORE DECEMBER 31. NOUREDDINE REPORTEDLY THEN CONTACTED MONGI FEKIH TO SEEK HIS SUPPORT IN

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THIS. ACCORDING TO SOURCE THIS LED TO FEKIH'S LETTER

WHICH WAS TURNED OVER TO GOT SECURITY BY ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES AFTER IT WAS INTERCEPTED AT BORDER.

COMMENT: ABOVE INFORMATION SEEMS PLAUSIBLE IN VIEW OF BOURGUIBA JR.'S PAST INTEREST IN RESOLVING BEN SALAH PROBLEM. HOWEVER, REPORT THAT NOUREDDINE MAY BE FORCED TO RETIRE SOON WOULD INDICATE FULL STORY MAY NOT YET HAVE BEEN TOLD TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA.
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